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To Anthony Lawson III, who entered into eternal rest the twentieth day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Forty Seven, at Guyandotte, Virginia.

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From Robert Runyon, Brownsville, Texas

Date Februaru 7, 1953

Signature Robert Runyon

HOME OF ANTHONY LAWSON III

This house was erected after 1824 and stood on a site where the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Station now stands in Logan, West Virginia. After the death of Anthony III and Ann (Bilton) Lawson, this residence was occupied by Anthony Lawson IV until about 1857.

PREFACE

One hundred and thirty four years have passed since Anthony Lawson III, with his wife and four sons came to America. His descendants are scattered in the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and others. No printed pedigree of this eminent Northumberland Lawson family exists. The Author has compiled much valuable data of the ancestors and descending families, and all known information is included. Cooperation by correspondence is difficult to secure, and some of the descendants are mentioned with scant data.

Hundreds of letters were sent to descendants, and many remain unanswered. Many public records have been examined; many cemeteries and burial grounds have been visited; hundreds of pages of local histories have been read; family Bibles have been examined in quest of data to fill the pages of this brochure.

Encouragement and cooperation from some of the interested relatives of Anthony Lawson III have made this publication possible and although it may seem brief to many, it is a sincere attempt to preserve and bring together all known history of the early Lawsons of Logan County, West Virginia.

There may be evidence of discrepancy of dates and names, and errors may be discovered by those who may have better and more accurate data. Those who may find incorrect matter should report such to the Author with proper corrections. A supplemental edition could be printed in the future and delivered to each subscriber.

It should be remembered that West Virginia was a part of Old Virginia until the latter state decided to join the Confederacy, and therefore its early history is tied up with the Old Dominion. West Virginia was proclaimed a state May 20, 1863. Logan County, Virginia, was organized in 1824 from Cabell, Kanawha and Giles Counties. The town of Logan was organized in 1827, and first named Lawnsville. In 1852 it was named Aracoma, and in 1907 the name was changed to Logan to conform with the name of the county.

Mingo County was created from Logan County in 1895, and the town of Williamson was organized before then.

That part of Virginia which later became West Virginia is herein referred to as (West) Virginia or (W.) Va.

Anthony Lawson was seated at Stanton Old Hall, near Morpeth, Northumberland County, England. He is the progenitor of three succeeding Anthonys, born in Northumberland County, England. To designate them with certainty, they are numbered I, II, III, and IV. After Anthony III immigrated to America, he was known as Anthony, Sr. and his youngest son, Anthony IV, was known as Anthony, Jr.

Some obituary notices and the United States Census record for 1850, of Logan County, (W.) Va., have been printed as proof of ages, dates, etc. Each family in most instances is treated separately.

The diary of Anthony Lawson IV is so important and interesting that its inclusion will interest those who have not seen it.

No effort has been made to include the young generations because vital statistics are now permanently recorded in public records.

At the end of the Booklet, four pages of especially prepared blanks for further records, corrections etc. are included.

The United States Census record is important because it gives the names of the children in succession, and the ages at the last birthday. Under each family group the date is printed. The other names listed with the Lawson are boarders, or perhaps persons residing therewith. Roxalina Lawson, daughter of Anthony IV, spelled her name Rochsalina.

Unfortunately, the chronicling of the "History of Logan County" has been done carelessly, and many inaccurate dates, names and other important matter relative to the Lawsons and allied families of Logan County have caused confusion.

The article found on page 73 of the above mentioned local history is reprinted with corrections. It is the Author's thought that in preserving and assembling a correct pedigree of Anthony Lawson of Northumberland and Logan County, West Virginia, the matter assembled should be proved as to correctness. An effort has been made to establish the correct account of each descendant as accurately as possible.

It would be ungrateful not to mention the names of some of

the descendants who have contributed much to the success of this ancestral lineage.

Mrs. Ella M. Lawson, formerly of Williamson, West Virginia, has taken an active part in securing much missing and difficult-to-find data. She never refused to make an effort to get much needed data and she has been prompt in giving advice on important matters. Her assistance is appreciated.

Mrs. Charles A. Dempsey of Richmond, Virginia has given freely much time and energy to make this Lawson pedigree a success and she has especially contributed valuable data regarding her grandfather, Anthony IV, and his descendants. Without her help this brochure would probably never have been printed. Many others have cooperated with the Author and the sincerity they have shown is appreciated and will long be remembered.

The marriage record before 1872, at Logan Court House, is missing, and its loss has been difficult to overcome.

This booklet is copyrighted and two of the best copies deposited at the Library of Congress. Any descendent of Anthony Lawson of Northumberland may use any part without permission from the Author.

Family records indicate that Anthony II and Margaret (Caiss) Lawson had three sons and two daughters. The Author has no information of the two daughters.

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ANTHONY LAWSON III

Anthony Lawson III, the ancestor of the American lineage of Northumberland Lawsons, immigrated to the present site of Logan, West Virginia, from Alexandria, Virginia, in 1824 or sooner. He engaged in the general mercantile business and purchased and traded merchandise for furs and ginseng, and disposed of these products in the market at Philadelphia. The furs, ginseng and other products were transported down the Guyan River in flat bottom boats, known as push boats. At Guyandotte the products were loaded on Ohio River boats and transported to Pittsburgh and from there overland to their destination. In Philadelphia he purchased merchandise and brought it back in the same manner. He was one of the few persons who owned slaves, and it is said that he promised his slaves their freedom after his and his wife's death. Early in 1847, he made one of his periodical trips to Philadelphia. He traveled by horse to Guyandotte and from there, as was the custom, by a river boat to Pittsburgh. On his return, he became very ill and after he was taken from the boat at Guyandotte, he soon died with cholera. He is buried there in the city cemetery, which is enclosed with a high iron fence. His grave is enclosed also in an iron enclosure and marked by a large gravestone.

After the death of Anthony III, during a cold winter night on the 27th of December, 1847, while Ann Lawson, the wife of Anthony III, was mending a shirt for a Negro, this same Negro came in to her room and struck her over the head and killed her with an iron poker. The Negro thought that after her death he would get his freedom. Another Negro was implicated in the cruel murder. Soon after her death, the Negroes became frightened and ran away, but they were quickly apprehended and returned for trial. The Negro who murdered his owner was hanged and the other severely punished. This narration is from family tradition and is thought to be true.

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THE LAWSON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COAT-OF-ARMS

Description

Argent, a chevron between three martlets sable. The crest is two arms holding up the sun in splendor with the appropriate motto: *Rise and shine.* This was a grant to the Yorkshire branch of the Lawson family—of Brough Hall.

This is a silver (argent) shield and is charged with a black or sable chevron which is between three black martlets or footless swallows.

The chevron, likened to the roof of a house, is emblematical of protection of the defenseless and was granted as a reward to those who built fortresses and churches for their country's good. The martlet or footless swallow was a messenger of good news, and as it was always on the wing, needed no feet.

ANTHONY LAWSON I

The eminent English progenitor of a lineage of distinguished English and American descendants, lived at "Stanton Old Hall" near Morpeth, Northumberland, England, and died at more than ninety years of age. The name of his wife is unknown, and the scant data available mentions only one son, Anthony II, 1727 - 1819, who first married Margaret Clay, and after her death he married Margaret Caiss.

ANTHONY LAWSON II
SON OF
ANTHONY LAWSON I

Anthony Lawson II, lived at "Stanton Old Hall" the place where his father lived and died, holding as did his father, two farms, "Fieldhead" and another. He was born in 1727, and died 1819. He first married Margaret Clay, to this union one child was born Margaret, who married John Leah; witnesses: Mary Lawson and Lewis Bilton. After the death of Margaret (Clay) Lawson, he married Margaret Caiss in 1784.

Children of Anthony II and Margaret (Caiss) Lawson:

(1) Anthony Lawson III, born at Stanton, in the Parish of Longhorsley, Northumberland County, England, Oct. 31, 1785, died at Guyandotte, (W.) Va. May 20, 1847, and is buried in the City cemetery there. Anthony III, married Ann Bilton, May 20, 1806. The ceremony being performed at Saint Helen's Church, Longhorsley Parish, down the meadow from the village, (by license) Rev. Robert Oliphant officiating; witnesses: Lewis and Jane Bilton.

(2) George Lawson, married Eleanor Bilton, of Northumberland County, England, and later lived in Liverpool, where some of his descendants now live. There was issue, a daughter, Mary married James Brewis, who died before 1870. Their children were Thomas Anthony, Robert, William and Jane. Ursula another daughter married John Gibson and lived in Liverpool.

Jane Brewis married a Davidson and had the following children: James, Thomas, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, who married John Smith, and Margaret, who married Joseph Henry Taylor. Jane (Brewis) Davidson died before 1870.

(3) John Lawson, was born 1796, and married Elizabeth (surname unknown) in England. He with his wife, Elizabeth came to America in 1816, and settled in Alexandria, Virginia, and engaged in the grocery business on Cameron Street. Elizabeth, his wife was born 1798, died July 25, 1849, and after her death, he married Isabella McCardell, of Hagerstown, Maryland, Mar. 29, 1851, Rev. Mr. Anspach officiating. John Lawson died June 18, 1851, without issue, and is buried by the side of Elizabeth, his first wife, in the Saint Paul Episcopal Church cemetery, Alexandria, Virginia.

ANTHONY LAWSON III
SON OF
ANTHONY II AND MARGARET (CAISS) LAWSON

Anthony Lawson III, was born at Stanton, in the Parish of Longhorsley, Northumberland County, England, October 31, 1785, died at Guyandotte, (W.) Virginia, May 20, 1847. He is buried in the City cemetery at Guyandotte, West Virginia. He married Ann Bilton, May 20, 1806. The ceremony was performed at Saint Helen's Church, Longhorsley Parish, down the meadow from the village, (by license) Rev. Robert Oliphant officiating. Witnesses: Lewis and Jane Bilton. Ann Bilton was born at Fieldhead, in the Parish of Longhorsley, March 17, 1783 and died December 27, 1847 at Logan (West) Virginia.

Children of Anthony III and Ann (Bilton) Lawson:

(1) John Lawson, was born March 15, 1807, at Woodcroft, England, and is registered at the Parish Church of Stanhope, Durham County, England. He was killed in the prime of his life by a falling tree, March 9, 1844. He is buried in the Lawson family cemetery, near his homestead, midway between Williamson and the Mouth of Sycamore, Mingo County, West Virginia.

(2) Lewis Bilton Lawson, was born December 4, 1808, and is registered at the Parish Church of Stanhope, Durham County, England. He died May 17, 1869, near Logan, in Logan County, West Virginia. He is buried by the side of his wife in the Lawson cemetery at Stollings a village at the Mouth of Dingess Run Creek, near Logan, W. Va.

(3) James Lawson, was born April 18, 1811, at Stanton, in the Parish of Longhorsley, Northumberland County, England; he is registered at the Parish Church of Longhorsley. He died at Blacksburg, Virginia, April 30, 1872, and is buried there.

(4) Anthony Lawson IV, was born February 22, 1813, at Stanton, in in the Parish of Longhorsley, Northumberland County, England, and is registered at the Parish Church of Longhorsley. He died March 12, 1885, and is buried in the East End cemetery at Wytheville, Va.

(5) George William Lawson, was born at Smith's Farm near Alexandria, D. C., United States of America, December 8, 1818 and died July 23, 1919, and is buried there.

ANTHONY LAWSON III

Anthony Lawson was a native of Northumberland, England, and was born Oct. 31, 1785. Sometime about the year 1817, he emigrated to America with his wife and four sons, John, Lewis B., James and Anthony IV. He remained for a while at Alexandria, Va. where his brother, John, who had preceded him to America, lived.

Colonel Andrew Bierne, of Lewisburg made his acquaintance, and induced him to come to the wilds of Guyan River and engage in the fur and ginseng trade. He first settled at the present site of Oceana and remained there for about four years, and then moved to the present site of Logan Courthouse where he remained until his death which occurred in Guyandotte in 1847 while he was returning from Philadelphia where he had been to purchase goods.

Mr. Lawson was a member of the first County Court of Logan County, and was during his life a leading citizen of his community. His wife survived him for something over seven months when she was murdered by two of her slaves. Her tombstone has the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of ANN Lawson, wife of Anthony Lawson, Sr. of Logan County, Virginia, who was born in the Parish of Longhorsley in the County of Northumberland, England on the 17th day of Mar. 1783 and was cruelly murdered on the night of the 27th of Dec. 1847, by two of our own negroes."

The sons of Anthony Lawson III, were all prominent men in the County. John married Emily Butcher, daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Clark) Butcher, and was killed by a falling tree in 1844. Lewis B. married Polly Dingess; James married Matilda Dingess, both were daughters of Peter and Sallie (Farley) Dingess. Anthony IV, the youngest son married Ann Brooke Robertson, a daughter of Edwin and Ann Brooke (Mennis) Robertson.

Reprinted with corrections from "History of Logan Co., W. Va.", by G. T. Swain — 1927.

Obits

Richmond Enquirer, published September 16, 1823

In Charleston, Kanawha County, died August 15, 1823, Mrs. Ann B. Robertson, aged 29, wife of Edwin Robertson and daughter of Col. Calohill Mennis. She left four young children.

Richmond Enquirer, published July 24, 1839

Mrs. Chloe S. Robertson, consort of Edwin, resident of the County of Logan, died at her place of residence on the morning of the 18th of June last, after a three weeks spell of sickness, in the 39th year of her age. She was the daughter of John Stone, Esq., formerly of Pittsylvania County. Mrs. Robertson left a husband and a family of children, as well as numerous connections and a large circle of devoted friends to lament her loss. Mrs. Robertson was exemplary in all private and social relations of life and was much esteemed and beloved by all her relations and acqaintances. She was ardently pious and during her protracted illness she bore all her sufferings, which was often extreme, with perfect Christian resignation, and closed her earthly career triumphing in the Christian faith. Notwithstanding the severe bereavement and affliction which the relatives and friends of Mrs. Robertson have suffered in her loss, they have much consolation in the perfect assurance which they feel, that she is now ineffable happy in the realms of eternal bliss.

Richmond Whig, published June 17, 1847

Lynchburg and Winchester Papers Please Copy.

Col. Anthony Lawson, Sr. of Logan County, died May 20, 1847 at Guyandotte, Virginia, aged upwards of 60. He was on his way home from Philadelphia. He emigrated to this country more than 20 years ago, and often spoke of the beauties of the place of his birth, the vicinity of Ainwick Castle, the seat of the Percies in Yorkshire, England. He accumulated a large fortune which he left to his children.

UNITED STATES CENSUS — 1850
LAWSON OF LOGAN COUNTY, (W.) VA.
District # 32 — Division Alloted to James G. Perry

NO.	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE
2	Anthony Lawson	37	Merchant	England
	Ann B. Lawson	27		Virginia
	Richard B. Lawson	9		Virginia
	Robert M. Lawson	7		Virginia
	Elizabeth A. Lawson	5		Virginia
	Roxalina Lawson	3		Virginia
	Hiram P. Huff	30	Salesman	Virginia
	Thos. W. Leftwich	23	Physician	Virginia
	Dated July 18, 1850			
60	Lewis B. Lawson	41	Farmer	England
	Polly Lawson	39		Virginia
	Jane M. Lawson	10		Virginia
	Guy Lawson	7		Virginia
	Minerva Lawson	6		Virginia
	James Lawson	5		Virginia
	Anthony Lawson	3		Virginia
	Julia A. Y. Lawson	1		Virginia
	Dated July 29, 1850			
61	James Lawson	39	Surveyor	England
	Matilda Lawson	31		Virginia
	John M. Lawson	10		Virginia
	Matilda J. Lawson	7		Virginia
	James L. Lawson	4		Virginia
	Ann B. Lawson	2		Virginia
	Dated July 29, 1850			
405	George Smith	52	Farmer	Virginia
	Emily Smith	37		Virginia
	George W. Lawson	15		Virginia
	James M. Lawson	14		Virginia
	William H. Lawson	10		Virginia
	Melvin B. Lawson	8		Virginia
	Sarah B. C. Lawson	7		Virginia
	Allen G. Butcher	24	Farmer	Virginia
	Dated September 1, 1850			

EXCERPTS SELECTED FROM THE DIARY OF ANTHONY LAWSON IV

Ann Bilton was born at Fieldhead, in the Parish of Longhorsley, on the 17th of March, 1783.

Anthony Lawson III was born at Stanton, in the Parish of Longhorsley, on the 31st of October, 1785.

Anthony Lawson III and Ann Bilton were married on the 20th of May, 1806, in the Parish Church of Longhorsley, Northumberland County, England, and regularly registered.

REGISTER OF THE FAMILY OF ANTHONY III AND ANN (BILTON) LAWSON

John was born on the 15th of March, 1807, at Woodcroft.

Lewis Bilton was born on the 4th of December, 1808.

The above two children are registered in the Parish Church of Stanhope, County Durham, England.

James was born at Stanton, on the 18th of April, 1811.

Anthony IV also was born at Stanton, February 22, 1813.

These two children are registered in the Parish Church of Longhorsley, Northumberland County, England.

George William was born December 8, 1818 at Smith's Farm near Alexandria, D. C., United States of America.

JULY 23, 1819

Sacred to the Memory of our departed dear child, George William Lawson, who died on this day, aged 7 months and 15 days.

Sacred to the Memory of Margaret Lawson, mother of Anthony Lawson III, who died at Morpeth, in the County of Northumberland, England, on the 7th day of November.

May she rest in Peace.

Anthony Lawson, Jr.

Sacred to the Memory of Anthony Lawson, Sr., who departed this life on his return from Philadelphia, at Guyandotte, Virginia, on the 20th day of May, 1847, at 25 minutes after 2 o'clock.

May he rest in Peace.

Anthony Lawson, Jr.

Sacred to the Memory of Ann Lawson, who was cruelly murdered on the night of the 27th of December, 1847, by Bill and Hardin, two of our Negroes.

May she rest in Peace.

Anthony Lawson, Jr.

Isabel Bilton, widow of John Bilton, of Causey Hagg, near Longhorsley, died June 11, 1811, aged 89 years.

It is thought that Isabel is the grandmother of Ann (Bilton) Lawson, wife of Anthony Lawson III. Causey Park Hagg is in sight of Stanton Old Hall, and the church is almost in sight of both and equally distant.

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JOHN LAWSON
SON OF
ANTHONY III, AND ANN (BILTON) LAWSON

John Lawson, born March 15, 1807 at Woodcroft, England, is registered at the Parish Church of Stanhope, Durham County, England. He died March 9, 1844 near his homestead, which was located near Tug River, one mile north of the Mouth of Sycamore Creek (West) Virginia. The memorial inscription on his gravestone is as follows: "Sacred to the memory of John Lawson, who was cut off in the prime of life by a blow from falling a tree near this place on the 9th day of March 1844. Aged 56 years".

He is buried by the side of his wife in the Lawson family cemetery located on a steep rocky hill near his homestead. He came to America as a lad with his parents, Anthony III and Ann (Bilton) Lawson. He spent a few years in Alexandria, Virginia, with his parents where his Uncle John resided. About the year 1820, his father, Anthony Lawson III, settled on Clear Fork of Guyan river at a site afterwards named Oceana. About four years later, Anthony Lawson III moved to, or near, the site of Aracoma, on the Guyan River, which is now Logan, West Virginia.

In the year 1830, John Lawson was appointed by the United States Bureau of Census to take the census of Logan County, (W.) Virginia. He became active in business, especially in the sale and purchase of lands in Logan County. The deed records of Logan County indicate that there were at least five deeds recorded in the name of John Lawson for a total area of 26,400 acres of valuable mineral lands situated on the Tug River at and near the Mouth of Sycamore Creek.

On August 29, 1833, he married Emily Butcher, a daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Clark) Butcher at Logan, (W.) Virginia. To this union six children were born.

Emily Butcher, a daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Clark) Butcher, was born January 2, 1813 in Logan County, (W.) Virginia and died March 30, 1902 at her homestead near Williamson, W. Va.

After the death of her first husband, John Lawson, she married George Smith; and to this union two children were born, they were America Victoria, born March 1, 1851 and Allen Butcher Smith born October 3, 1852.

Emily (Butcher) Smith is buried by the side of her first husband in the Lawson family cemetery near the old homestead. The following is inscribed on her gravestone: "Emily Smith, wife of John Lawson, born January 2, 1813, died March 30, 1902. Aged 89 years, 2 months, 28 days."

Children of John and Emily (Butcher) Lawson:

(1) George W. Lawson, born September 24, 1834, died August 1, 1906, at Williamson, West Virginia. He is buried at the Lawson family cemetery, near the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia. He married Chloe Ann Robertson, daughter of Edwin and Chloe S. (Stone) Robertson, at Logan, (West) Virginia, February 23, 1854. Chloe Ann Robertson was born May 1, 1836, at Logan, (W.) Virginia, and died at Williamson, West Virginia, March 30, 1912.

(2) James Montraville Lawson, born February 18, 1836, died December 4, 1881 at Jacksonville, Florida. He is buried in the Lawson family cemetery on John's Creek, Pike County, Kentucky. He married Mary Ann Williamson, July 29, 1866 in Pike County, Kentucky.

(3) John Marshall Lawson, born November 6, 1837, died October 6, 1838. He is buried near his parents in the Lawson family cemetery.

(4) William Henry Harrison Lawson, born 1839, died May 11, 1854. He is buried near his parents in the Lawson family cemetery.

(5) Melvin Bilton Lawson, born April 24, 1841, died May 12, 1884 at Asheville, North Carolina. He is buried at the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, Mingo County, West Virginia. He married Katherine Virginia (Jennie) Cassell, a daughter of Col. Joseph Cassell. She was born January 30, 1849, died April 21, 1925. She is buried in the East End cemetery in Wytheville, Virginia.

(6) Sarah Bilton Clark Lawson, born March 12, 1843, died January 27, 1916 at Roanoke, Virginia. She is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, Mingo County, West Virginia. She married James Robert Crockett, a son of Sanders S. Crockett at Wytheville, Virginia.

GEORGE W. LAWSON
SON OF
JOHN AND EMILY (BUTCHER) LAWSON

George W. Lawson, son of John and Emily (Butcher) Lawson, was born September 24, 1834 at the old homestead south of Williamson, Mingo County, (West) Virginia. He died in Williamson, West Virginia August 1, 1906.

George was a lad of nine years when his father, John, was killed by a falling tree near his home.

On February 23, 1854, he married Chloe Ann Robertson, daughter of Edwin and Chloe S. (Stone) Robertson at Logan, (West) Virginia. Chloe Ann was born May 1, 1836 at Logan, (West) Virginia and died March 30, 1912 at Williamson, West Virginia. She is buried by the side of her husband in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery situated on a high knoll, near the old homestead at the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia.

George W. Lawson became an outstanding physician of his day and practiced medicine in Logan County for many years. Dr. Lawson took great pride in the medical profession. He suffered many hardships during the cold and stormy weather to render services to the sick and suffering people living in the mountains of Logan County. His devotion to duty gained him much fame throughout that section of West Virginia.

He was a man of fortune, holding large tracts of valuable coal and timber lands. He resided at the homestead located at the Mouth of Sycamore and reared his family there. He was for many years engaged in the mercantile business and was also postmaster at Mouth of Sycamore. He moved with his wife, Chloe Ann, to Williamson soon after the town was surveyed and organized into a municipality. Dr. Lawson, along with other citizens, organized the Bank of Williamson and served as its President. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of that city and also a member of the Presbyterian Church of Williamson. Politically he was a Democrat and a firm believer in the principle of democracy.

Children of George W. and Chloe Ann (Robertson) Lawson:

(1) John Edwin Lawson, born November 30, 1854, died December 11, 1890. He is buried in the George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia.

(2) Robert Bilton Lawson, born December 17, 1856, died August 10, 1877. He is buried in the George W. Lawson cemetery.

(3) Elizabeth (Bettie) Lawson, born September 7, 1858, died January 27, 1939 at Ashland, Kentucky and is buried in the cemetery there. She married Floyd Runyon, December 13, 1874, at Logan, West Virginia.

(4) William Edgar Lawson, born October 1, 1860, died January 11, 1861. His gravestone is in the John Lawson cemetery midway between Williamson and the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia.

(5) Laura Agusta Lawson, born November 11, 1861, died August 31, 1936 at Ashland, Kentucky and she is buried in the Runyon reservation in the Ashland cemetery. She married Richard Williamson a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cassady) Williamson.

(6) Harrison (Harry) Lawson, born August 31, 1863, died January 3, 1933, at Williamson, West Virginia, and is buried in the George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia. He married Ella M. Murray, a daughter of George W. and Alice (Fenton) Murray at Louisa, Kentucky, July 8, 1886.

(7) Sidney Baxter Lawson, born March 18, 1867, married Lucile Lunderman, of Trenton, Kentucky. He lived in Logan, West Virginia for many years and practiced medicine there.

(8) Emma G. Lawson, born February 2, 1870, died June 27, 1920 at Williamson, West Virginia. She is buried in the city cemetery at Williamson, West Virginia. She married Hiram T. Williamson of Pike County, Kentucky.

(9) Lafayette Lawson, born June 18, 1872, died July 27, 1894. He was a physician and was killed while boarding a train. He is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia.

ELIZABETH (BETTIE) LAWSON
DAUGHTER OF
GEORGE W. AND CHLOE ANN (ROBERTSON) LAWSON

Elizabeth (Bettie) Lawson, born September 7, 1858, died January 29, 1939, married Floyd Runyon December 13, 1874, at Logan, West Virginia. He was born October 20, 1856, in Pike County, Kentucky. He was a son of Mitchell and Margaret (Taylor) Runyon.

Children of Floyd and Elizabeth (Lawson) Runyon:

(1) Lilly Runyon, born November 4, 1876, in Pike County, Kentucky, died October 22, 1938, near Catlettsburg, Kentucky. She married Thornsberry Kirk, son of James Kirk, November 10, 1892. Issue.

(2) Robert Runyon, born at Catlettsburg, Ky., July 28, 1881, was married first to Nora Young, a daughter of William T. and Mary (Mims) Young. She was born January 23, 1881, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, died December 3, 1908. She is buried in the cemetery at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Second marriage to Amelia Medrano, July 4, 1913. She was born April 11, 1892. Issue.

(3) Fannie Maude Runyon, born October 8, 1883, died December 25, 1936, married Simeon Williamson of Williamson, West Virginia, December 7, 1904, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. No issue.

(4) George Mitchell Runyon, born June 9, 1886, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, died February 18, 1912.

(5) Mabel Runyon, born November 21, 1889 at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, died June 30, 1929. She first married John Maiden, February 28, 1906, at Williamson, West Virginia. To this union one child was born, Kelly M., November 15, 1909. John Maiden died, and Mabel married John Williams at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, July 20, 1914. No issue.

(6) Ernest Hood Runyon, born February 2, 1897, at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, died October 25, 1933. He married and had one child, Charles Vernon, born September 9, 1917.

The last four children are buried in the Runyon reservation in the cemetery at Ashland, Kentucky.

LAURA AGUSTA LAWSON
DAUGHTER OF
GEORGE W. AND CHLOE ANN (ROBERTSON) LAWSON

Laura Agusta Lawson, born November 11, 1861, died August 31, 1936 at Ashland, Kentucky and is buried in the Runyon reservation in the Ashland cemetery. She married Richard Williamson, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cassady) Williamson. Richard Williamson was born November 5, 1851 and died October 16, 1932.

Children of Richardson and Laura A. (Lawson) Williamson:

(1) George Williamson, born May 7, 1880, died January 29, 1881, and is buried in the Dr. George Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia.

(2) Elizabeth Williamson, born December 3, 1881, married Wallace Chaffin January 18, 1899 at Williamson, West Virginia.

(3) John Williamson, born in 1883 and died in 1943.

(4) Grover Williamson, born January 26, 1886, died October 6, 1918 and is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery at the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia.

(5) Virginia Pearl Williamson, born October 17, 1888, married Walter F. Speed, March 11, 1902. This union had issue and resided several years in Bluefield, Virginia.

(6) Phillip Cassady Williamson, born March 13, 1891, married Ethel Ewing, October 30, 1912.

(7) Harry Lawson Williamson, born May 4, 1893, married Maria Fisher, June 21, 1912.

(8) Lafayette Williamson, born May 4, 1895, died July 17, 1937. He married Georgia Moore, December 15, 1915.

(9) Ermel Williamson, born in 1897, married Georgia Burdette.

(10) Clyde Williamson, born September 1, 1899, married Zue Griffith, January 27, 1929.

W. H. HARRISON LAWSON
SON OF
GEORGE W. AND CHLOE ANN (ROBERTSON) LAWSON

William Henry Harrison (Harry) Lawson, born August 30, 1863, died January 3, 1933. He married Ella Murray, a daughter of Dr. George W. and Alice Fenton (Ferguson) Murray, July 8, 1886, at Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky. Ella Murray was born December 17, 1877. Harry Lawson resided in Williamson, West Virginia many years and died there. He is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia. Several years after his death, his wife moved to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Harrison or Harry was the name by which he was generally known. During his early life he was engaged in the timber business, and supervised the preparation of rafts of logs and the floating of them to market. Harry Lawson was one of the best known persons of the Tug River Valley and his friends missed his benevolence and kindliness. His devotion and respect for his kinsfolks during his life and especially during his declining years gained for him the unfaultering admiration of all the Lawson families.

Children of Harrison and Ella (Murray) Lawson:

(1) George Homer Lawson, born April 25, 1887, died August 3, 1887.

(2) Lafayette Earl (Fay) Lawson, born February 21, 1890. He is a dentist and practiced his profession many years in Williamson, West Virginia.

(3) John Carl Lawson, born July 20, 1894. He is a physician and is married and resides in Williamson, West Virginia.

(4) Lee Winston Lawson, born April 21, 1900, died June 30, 1932, and is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, Mingo County, West Virginia.

(5) Lena Cooper Lawson, born April 21, 1900. She is a twin sister of Lee Winston. She married Allen Engleman and resides in Tampa, Florida.

JOHN CARL LAWSON
SON OF
HARRISON AND ELLA (MURRAY) LAWSON

John Carl Lawson, born July 20, 1894, married Esther Marie Clyde, October 4, 1919 at the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City. She is a daughter of James L. and Jeanette L. (Harkins) Clyde of Olean, New York. John Carl Lawson has practiced medicine for many years in Mingo and adjacent counties in West Virginia. He established the "Lawson Clinic" at Red Jacket, West Virginia, and his devotion to his profession has gained him much fame in the Tug River Valley.

Children of John Carl and Esther Marie (Clyde) Lawson:

(1) John Carl Lawson, Jr., born July 16, 1920. He was lost in action in the South Pacific, August 13, 1944. He was in Naval Aviation.

(2) Robert Clyde Lawson, born September 2, 1925, married Ruth Kitson December 4, 1948, of Easthampton, Mass. They have a daughter, Barbara Carol Lawson, born November 29, 1949. Robert C. Lawson graduated in medicine at Yale University, interned at Charleston General Hospital, Charleston, West Virginia, and is practicing medicine with his father at Red Jacket, West Virginia, for the Red Jacket Coal Corporation.

(3) George Murray Lawson, born June 8, 1930. He is a senior in pre-medicine at the University of Kentucky, after attending Kentucky Military Institute at Lyndon, Kentucky for four years.

SIDNEY BAXTER LAWSON
SON OF
GEORGE W. AND CHLOE ANN (ROBERTSON) LAWSON

Sidney Baxter Lawson, born March 18, 1867, at the homestead, located at the Mouth of Sycamore, on Tug River, West Virginia. After finishing college, he studied medicine at the Baltimore Medical School, now the University of Maryland Medical College and received his M. D. degree in 1894. Dr. Sidney B. practiced medicine at his old homestead for a short while and then located at Aracoma, now Logan, West Virginia. He practiced medicine in Logan County for many years. He served one term in the West Virginia Legislature, and is the author of a bill to create Mingo County. He is the author of "50 Years a Mountain Country Doctor". Sidney B. Lawson married Lucile Lunderman, of Trenton, Kentucky in 1892.

Children of Sidney B. and Lucile (Lunderman) Lawson:

(1) Lawrence W. Lawson, born March 20, 1894, at Trenton, Kentucky. He is a physician and practices medicine at Logan, West Virginia.

(2) Julia N. Lawson, born June 25, 1896, at Logan, West Virginia, married J. R. Adams of Logan, West Virginia. To them two children were born, (a) Neville, a daughter and (b) John, a son. J. R. Adams died in 1931 from injuries received in an automobile accident.

(3) Lucile N. Lawson, born June 20, 1909, at Logan, West Virginia. She married C. C. Darrah in 1937, a son of Arthur J. Darrah.

For autobiography of Dr. S. B. Lawson, see "History of Logan County West Virginia", by G. T. Swain — 1927 page 227.

EMMA G. LAWSON
DAUGHTER OF
GEORGE W. AND CHLOE ANN (ROBERTSON) LAWSON

Emma G. Lawson born February 20, 1870, died June 27, 1920, at Williamson, West Virginia, and is buried in the city cemetery at Williamson. She married Hiram T. Williamson, son of Floyd E. and Victoria Adala (Leslie) Williamson.

Children of Hiram T. and Emma G. (Lawson) Williamson:

(1) George Williamson, who is married and lives in Williamson, West Virginia.

(2) Maxie E. Williamson, married Dr. H. E. Davis, June 29, 1915 at Williamson, West Virginia, and resides at Williamsburg, Virginia.

(3) Winnie V. Williamson, married F. F. McElroy, October 15, 1913, at Williamson, West Virginia, and resides at South Williamson, across the Tug River in Kentucky.

LAWSON OF TUG RIVER

The Lawsons of the Tug River region, are of Virginia origin, and not many families in the Valley exceed them in industry and personal enterprise, in devising honorable means to increase their individual wealth.

Captain James Mont. Lawson, who died in 1881, down South, where he had gone to recuperate his failing health, was a man of great force of character. As farmer, trader, and public citizen, he was for many years one of Pike County's most honored citizens.

He was a great friend of common-school education, and favored all honorable methods to promote progress and advancement in the material wealth and betterment of his State and County. Dr. Lawson and his other brother are like Montraville, men of energy, and rank high as useful, solid citizens in the Tug Valley.

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JAMES MONTRAVILLE LAWSON
SON OF
JOHN AND EMILY (BUTCHER) LAWSON

James Montraville Lawson, born February 18, 1836, died December 4, 1881, married Mary A. Williamson, a daughter of John Williamson, Jr. and Annie (Bevins) Williamson, July 29, 1866, Rev. Robert Hurt officiating; witnesses: Allen Maynard and Thompson Williamson. Mary A. Williamson was born July 1, 1841, and died May 28, 1921. John Williamson, Jr. was born November 1, 1811 and died July 14, 1865. Annie Bevins was born June 11, 1811 and died December 18, 1892.

Children of James Montraville and Mary A. (Williamson) Lawson:

(1) Roland Burns Lawson, born November 30, 1867, died April 10, 1937, married Emily D. Maynard, August 18, 1887.

(2) Anna Laura Lawson, born July 5, 1869 and died in November, 1948, married Tom Williamson, August 18, 1884.

(3) Landon Harrison Lawson, born September 21, 1871, died December 23, 1918, married Dixie Scott, October 6, 1897.

(4) Minnie Emily Lawson, born July 31, 1873 ,married H. H. Williamson, December 19, 1889 and resides in Williamson, West Virginia.

(5) James Montraville Lawson, Jr., born June 20, 1875, died February 4, 1899.

MELVIN BILTON LAWSON
SON OF
JOHN AND EMILY (BUTCHER) LAWSON

Melvin Bilton Lawson, a son of John and Emily (Butcher) Lawson, was born April 24, 1841, died May 12, 1884 at Asheville, North Carolina and is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, Mingo County, West Virginia. He married Katherine Virginia (Jennie) Cassell, a daughter of Col. Joseph Cassell. She was born January 30, 1849, died April 21, 1925, and is buried in the East End cemetery at Wytheville, Virginia. They were married November 4, 1869 at Wytheville, Virginia.

Children of Melvin B. and Katherine V. (Cassell) Lawson:

(1) John Sidney Lawson, born February 27, 1871, married Sarah Viola Wiley, September 12, 1893. She was born September 13, 1870, died January 23, 1949 and is buried in the East End cemetery at Wytheville, Virginia.

(2) James Lee Lawson was born January 9, 1873. He married and his wife died in 1935; two daughters were born to this union, Mrs. Tomlinson Fort and Mrs. Charles Corrigan. James Lee received his A. B. degree from Emory and Henry College of Virginia, LL. B. from the University of Virginia and post graduate from Columbia University, New York. He resides in Alamogordo, New Mexico and has practiced law there for the past fifty years.

(3) Mary Lawson, born April 23, 1876, died September 13, 1886, is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, Mingo County, West Virginia.

(4) George Bilton Lawson, born February 18, 1879, married Julia Kern, a daughter of Senator John W. Kern of Indianapolis, Indiana.

(5) An infant Son, born January 10, 1883 and died in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 28, 1884.

GEORGE BILTON LAWSON
SON OF
MELVIN B. AND KATHERINE V. (CASSELL) LAWSON

George Bilton Lawson, born February 18, 1879, married Julia Kern, daughter of Senator John W. and Julia (Hazzard) Kern of Indianapolis, Indiana, December 25, 1913. George B. Lawson received his M. A. degree from Randolph-Macon College in 1899, and his M. D. degree from Johns Hopkins in 1905. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and has been Chief of the Medical Staff of Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia since 1908. Also, he has been a member of the State Board of Health for thirty eight years. Dr. Lawson's ascent in the medical profession has been rapid and he is recognized as an outstanding authority in medicine. Julia (Kern) Lawson is a descendent of a distinguished family of Indiana. Her father, Senator John W. Kern, was a Democratic candidate for Vice-President in 1908.

Children of George B. and Julia (Kern) Lawson:

(1) George Bilton Lawson, Jr., born October 6, 1914, married Helen Hayward Miley, January 5, 1938. Their children are (a) Helen Hayward Lawson, and (b) George Bilton III.

(2) Julia Kern Lawson, born May 11, 1916, married George McGregor Goodridge, March 28, 1942. Their children are (a) Julia Lawson Goodridge, and (b) George McGregor Goodridge, Jr.

(3) John Worth Kern Lawson, born August 24, 1919, was lost in action January 3, 1945 in World War II. He was a First Lieutenant and pilot of a B 29 in the U.S.A.A.F. in the Pacific.

(4) Katherine Virginia Lawson, born April 29, 1924, is a reporter for *The Roanoke World-News.*

SARAH B. C. LAWSON
DAUGHTER OF
JOHN AND EMILY (BUTCHER) LAWSON

Sarah B. C. Lawson, born March 12, 1843, died January 27, 1916 in Roanoke, Virginia. She is buried in the Dr. George W. Lawson cemetery at the Mouth of Sycamore, Mingo County, West Virginia. She married James Robert Crockett, a son of Sanders S. Crockett, at Wytheville, Virginia.

They lived in Wytheville for a few years and then in Burkes Garden, in Tazewell County Virginia. The Crocketts of Virginia are of Irish descent. They are mentioned in histories of the Indian wars and some of them served their country in the Revolutionary War. David Crockett, who died defending the Alamo at San Antonio, Texas, March 6, 1836, is a son of an Irish immigrant and a relative of the Virginia Crocketts.

Children of James R. and Sarah B. C. (Lawson) Crockett:

(1) James R. Crockett, married Kate Thompson.

(2) Virginia Crockett, married Simon Kelly.

(3) Melvin B. Crockett, first married Mary Barnes and, second, Mary Lynch. Melvin B. is a physician and practices medicine in Tazewell, Virginia.

(4) John L. Crockett.

(5) Roland Crockett.

(6) Pierce Crockett.

(7) Mattie Crockett, first married William Shelton, and later married Elijah White.

Notes The Author has no further data, and the above is from piece-meal sources and without confirmation.

LEWIS BILTON LAWSON
SON OF
ANTHONY III AND ANN (BILTON) LAWSON

Lewis Bilton Lawson, born December 4, 1808, is registered at the Parish Church of Stanhope, Durham County, England. He died May 17, 1869, at Logan, West Virginia. He married Polly Dingess, a daughter of Peter and Sallie (Farley) Dingess. Polly Dingess was born in 1810 and died in 1875, and she is buried in the cemetery at Stollings, West Virginia, by the side of her husband. The cemetery is located on a high knoll in view of the village of Stollings. The Lawson reservation is inclosed with an iron fence. Polly Dingess is a sister of Matilda Dingess, who married James Lawson, a brother of Lewis B. Lawson.

Children of Lewis B. and Polly (Dingess) Lawson:

(1) Jane M. (Polly) Lawson, born in 1840, and married Floyd Butcher, a brother of Emily Butcher, who married John Lawson, an uncle of Jane M. (Polly) Lawson. She is buried in the center of the Logan Country Club at Chapmansville.

(2) Guy Lawson, born September 12, 1842, died February 3, 1911, married Mary Ann Gore. She was born in 1842, and died November 13, 1920. There was issue; the names of their children follow: (a) Rose, (b) John, born February 11, 1871, (c) Lewis, born December 28, 1874, (d) Cora, born in 1877, (e) James, (f) Roxie, born June 29, 1891.

(3) Minerva Lawson, born in 1843. (She probably never married.)

(4) James Lawson, born December 1, 1844, died December 24, 1885, married Emma Morgan and she died May 3, 1905. Two children were born to this union, (a) Belle, born October 22, 1873, died June 30, 1922 and (b) Edwin (Ed.).

(5) Anthony Lawson, born May 12, 1847, died February 15, 1923, married Martha Gore, July 4, 1867. She was born May 8, 1848, died September 10, 1925. To this union six children were born; viz: (a) Mary Ann (Polly), born March 30, 1871, died April 23, 1942, (b) George W., born March 1873, died April 23, 1940,

(c) Lillian Zell, born August 14, 1875, (d) Robert (Bob), born January 28, 1877, (e) Bessie, born June 25, 1880, died May 9, 1949, (f) James Bilton, born June 16, 1882.

(6) Julia Alice Yantis Lawson, born 1849, married Maj. James A. Nighbert.

(7) Roxie Lawson, born October 5, 1852, died August 20, 1938, married Simon Slade Altizer, of Christiansburg, Virginia. He died in July, 1907, and is buried in the family mausoleum in the cemetery at Huntington, West Virginia.

(8) William M. Lawson, born January 28, 1853, died October 16, 1865, and is buried in the Lawson reservation in the cemetery at Stollings, near Logan, West Virginia.

ROXIE LAWSON
DAUGHTER OF
LEWIS B. AND POLLY (DINGESS) LAWSON

Roxie Lawson, born October 5, 1852, died August 20, 1938, married Simon Slade Altizer of Christiansburg, Virginia. She is buried in the cemetery at Logan, West Virginia. Simon S. Altizer founded the Guyan Valley Bank and was its President until his death. He was born October 26, 1849 and died in July, 1907; and is buried in the family mausoleum in the cemetery at Hunington, West Virginia.

Children of Simon S. and Roxie (Lawson) Altizer:

(1) Ella Altizer, died at 13 years of age.

(2) Julia Altizer, born August 13, 1876 and married J. Cary Alderson, a son of George Alderson, for whom the town of Alderson was named. J. Cary Alderson was President of the Guyan Valley Bank at Logan, West Virginia, succeeding Simon S. Altizer, his father-in-law.

(3) Mary Altizer, born October 28, 1879, married Thomas A. Palmer, December 19, 1905. Issue: (a) Thomas Edward, born September 21, 1906, died at 2 years; (b) Arthur Altizer, born August 2, 1909; (c) Henry Cary, born October 14, 1919. Thomas A. Palmer and his family reside in St. Petersburg, Florida.

(4) Guye Altizer, born October 22, 1881, married J. A. Washington; to this union two chidren were born: (a) Elinor, born September 20, 1906; (b) J. A., Jr.

(5) Roxie Altizer, born February 22, 1883, married William W. McCue, October 5, 1904. Issue: (a) Lawson McCue, born August 5, 1905.

(6) William E. Altizer, born August 4, 1884, married Myrtle Wilson. She was born November 14, 1885. One child was born to this union, Julia, born April 11, 1907; and she married Duncan Johnstone of Alderson, West Virginia and they have one child, Albert Sidney, born April 4, 1937.

(7) James Nighbert Altizer, died at 7 years of age.

(8) Arthur Bilton Altizer, born in 1888, married Elsie Nelson. and there was no issue. He died May 4, 1940 at Dunedin, Florida.

JAMES LAWSON
SON OF
ANTHONY III AND ANN (BILTON) LAWSON

James Lawson, born April 18, 1811, at Stanton in the Parish of Longhorsley, Northumberland County, England, is registered at the Parish Church of Longhorsley. He died at Blacksburg, Virginia, April 30, 1872, and is buried in the cemetery there. He married Matilda Dingess, a daughter of Peter and Sallie (Farley) Dingess, March 1, 1838, near Logan (West) Virginia. She was born August 1, 1818, at Logan, (W.) Virginia, died April 19, 1860, and is buried in George W. Nighbert burial ground, Logan County, West Virginia. She is a sister of Polly Dingess, who married Lewis B. Lawson, a brother of James.

Children of James and Matilda (Dingess) Lawson:

(1) John Marshall Lawson, born August 7, 1839, died December 18, 1873, at Blacksburg, Virginia.

(2) Matilda Jane Lawson, born August 29, 1841, died August 11, 1861 at Red Sulphur Springs in Monroe County, Virginia.

(3) James Lafayette Lawson, born October 2, 1845, died September 6, 1864, while in the Confederate Army. He entered the service April 1, 1864, in Company D, became ill below Winchester, Virginia, August 1, 1864, and was sent to the hospital in Staunton, Virginia, and died there.

(4) Ann Brooke Lawson, born August 31, 1847, died April 17, 1875, at Blacksburg, Virginia, and is buried in the cemetery there. She married William Bryon Wiley, March 15, 1871, at Blacksburg, Virginia. To this union two children were born; (a) Bess and (b) Mennis. William B. Wiley is a son of R. M. and Mary Wiley and was born in 1849; the marriage record at Christiansburg indicates that he came from Craig County, Virginia.

(5) George William Lawson, born August 16, 1850, died in July 1883.

(6) Viola Caroline Lawson, born September 5, 1852, died November 21, 1922, married William T. Younger, October 17, 1876, a son of John W. and F. Virginia Younger. They were married at Blacksburg, Virginia.

(7) Harriet Elizabeth (Bettie) Lawson, born November 20, 1854, died April 12, 1896. After the death of Ann Brooke (Lawson) Wiley, Harriet E. married William Bryon Wiley, June 7, 1876, near Fincastle, Virginia. To this union three children were born, (a) Frank, (b) Grace and (c) Lawson Wiley.

(8) Thomas Anthony Lawson, born November, 1856, died October 10, 1889. No further data.

Lynchburg Republican, May 1, 1872.

We regret to commence our present "notes" with the announcement of the death of Mr. James Lawson, one of our oldest and most respected citizens. Residing in the town of Blacksburg, his mercantile enterprise and sterling integrity made him widely known as a successful merchant, whilst his energy and public spiritedness rendered him prominent in all measures of progress. His failing health compelled several years ago a retirement from active business, and terminated in his late sickness and death. His body was followed to the grave by a large concourse of friends, and the faculty and students of the Preston and Olin Institute, of which Mr. Lawson was a prominent trustee.

ANTHONY LAWSON IV
SON OF
ANTHONY III AND ANN (BILTON) LAWSON

Anthony Lawson IV, born February 22, 1813 at Stanton, and he is registered at the Parish Church of Longhorsley Parish, Northumberland County, England. He died March 12, 1885. He married Ann Brooke Robertson, daughter of Edwin and Ann Brooke (Mennis) Robertson. She was born April 29, 1823, died January 14, 1903. They were married November 14, 1839 at Logan, (West) Virginia.

Children of Anthony IV and Ann Brooke (Robertson) Lawson:

(1) Richard Bilton Lawson, born October 22, 1840, died April 23, 1924, married Martha Maria Robertson, his cousin, a daughter of Dr. William Henry Robertson of Amelia County, Virginia. Seven children were born to this union.

(2) Robert Mennis Lawson, born December 25, 1842, died January 7, 1931, married Grace Bayne Waters of Alexandria, Virginia, November 14, 1876. She is a daughter of Thomas A. and Cordelia (Hunter) Waters. Grace B. Waters was born June 24, 1858, died August 4, 1941.

(3) Elizabeth Brooke Lawson, born November 29, 1845, died August 29, 1906. She first married James M. Boyd, January 23, 1868. He is a son of James M. and Ann M. (Latrum) Boyd. Her second marriage was to David Peirce and to this union two children were born: (a) Robert Lawson Peirce, was born April 4, 1873, lives at Wytheville, Virginia; (b) Lillian Mennis, died October 6, 1880. Elizabeth afterward married Robert Lehman.

(4) Rochsalina Frances Lawson, born September 15, 1847, died January 6, 1944; married William R. Cooper, December 23, 1879. He was born in Kentucky, died October 4, 1894.

RICHARD BILTON LAWSON
SON OF
ANTHONY IV AND ANN BROOKE (ROBERTSON) LAWSON

Richard Bilton Lawson, born October 22, 1840, died April 23, 1924, married Martha Maria Robertson, his cousin, daughter of Dr. William Henry Robertson of Amelia County, Virginia, February 21, 1867, in Richmond, Virginia.

Children of Richard Bilton and Martha Maria (Robertson) Lawson:

(1) Anthony Brooke Lawson, born January 9, 1868, died February 21, 1947, married Alice Virginia Dice, October 26, 1892. Issue: two sons and one daughter, (a) Richard Brooke, (b) John Dice, and (c) Mary Elizabeth.

(2) May Holcombe Lawson, born September 29, 1870, died June 27, 1934, married Herman Douglas Gibson, November 20, 1895. Issue: (a) Holcombe Douglas, (b) Mennis Lawson, and (c) Ann Brooke Gibson. Herman Douglas Gibson was born September 18, 1869, died November 7, 1927.

(3) Lena Mennis Lawson, born May 29, 1873, married Colonel Charles A. Dempsey, U. S. A., December 30, 1903. He was born November 15, 1844 in Alexandria, Virginia; died June 4, 1941, and was buried June 6, 1941 in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

(4) Richard Bilton Lawson, Jr., born February 10, 1876, married Lucy Jones Mason, November 2, 1910. Issue: (a) John Kercheval, (b) Richard Bilton III, and (c) Hatley Norton Lawson.

(5) William Henry Lawson, born February 24, 1879, married Mrs. Carrie Mitchell, and there was issue: (a) Henry Paul, b. 1920, d. 1949; (b) Marguerite, b. 1922, unmarried; (c) Lorraine, b. 1925, married Charles C. Dillon; Issue: Patsey Anne, b. 1940; Florence Joan, b. 1942; Judith Lee, b. 1945.

(6) Mattie Robertson Lawson, born June 7, 1884, married Andrew Flinn Dickson, June 22, 1910. He died April 5, 1938. Issue: Martha Rees, born September 4, and died September 7, 1920.

(7) Virginia Neville Lawson, born September 2, 1888, married Ewing Waters Lawson, her cousin, June 10, 1925. He was born August 13, 1883, died January 11, 1927. After the death of her first husband, she married Colonel Robert Kent Spiller, December 5, 1934. Colonel Spiller died August 15, 1949, and is buried in Wytheville, Virginia.

ROBERT MENNIS LAWSON
SON OF
ANTHONY IV AND ANN BROOKE (ROBERTSON) LAWSON

Robert Mennis Lawson, born December 25, 1842, died January 7, 1931, married Grace B. Waters of Alexandria, Virginia, November 14, 1876. She is a daughter of Thomas A. and Cordelia (Hunter) Waters. Grace B. Waters was born June, 24, 1858, died August 4, 1941. She is buried by the side of her husband in the East End cemetery, Wytheville, Virginia.

Children of Robert Mennis and Grace B. (Waters) Lawson:

(1) Robert M. Lawson, Jr., born December 25, 1877, died March 8, 1878, and is buried in the M. E. Church cemetery at Alexandria, Virginia.

(2) Stuart J. Lawson, born December 25, 1879, died September 8, 1945. He graduated in medicine at the University of Virginia about 1904, afterwards went to Harvard University where he met Dr. Mary Rowley of Boston, and married her in January 1909. To this union a daughter was born, Eleanor Cabot Lawson, in July, 1918. They lived in New London, Connecticut. He is buried in the East End cemetery at Wytheville, Virginia.

(3) Ewing Waters Lawson, born August 13, 1883, died January 11, 1927, married Virginia Neville Lawson, his cousin, June 10, 1925. She is a daughter of Richard Bilton and Martha Maria (Robertson) Lawson and was born September 2, 1888.

(4) Garnete Brooke Lawson, born March 7, 1889. She is unmarried and lives in Wytheville, Virginia, her birth place.

(5) Mennis Lawson, born October 27, 1895, died November 27, 1948, married Mrs. Margaret Pyle, June 29, 1946. He lived in Baltimore, Maryland and is buried in the Lawson reservation in the East End cemetery, Wytheville, Virginia.

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JOHN LAWSON
SON OF
ANTHONY II AND MARGARET (CAISS) LAWSON

John Lawson, son of Anthony II and Margaret (Caiss) Lawson was born 1796, Northumberland County, England. He married Elizabeth (surname unknown) in England. John and his wife, Elizabeth, came to America during the year of 1816 and located in Alexandria, Virginia. He was a merchant, and soon after his arrival in America, he engaged in the general mercantile business on Cameron Street in Alexandria. He soon became a leading citizen in that community and enjoyed a splendid commercial business. During his thirty five years as a resident of Alexandria he became wealthy and was one of the outstanding and beloved citizen of that community.

His wife Elizabeth died July 25, 1849, at the age of 51 years. She is buried in the Saint Paul cemetery of that City.

After his wife's death, John married the second time Miss Isabella McCardell of Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The marriage license was issued on the 29th day of March, A. D. 1851 and was addressed to Rev. Mr. Anspach.

John Lawson died June 18, 1851, and is buried by the side of his first wife, Elizabeth, in Saint Paul cemetery. His will is dated June 7, 1851, witnesses: O. Fairfax, Francis Murphy and Lau. B. Taylor. His will was probated June 25, 1851, and he bequeathed five hundred dollars annuity payable quarterly and his slave girl, Ellen, to his beloved wife as long as she remained his widow. The remainder of his estate was given to his two Nephews, Thomas A. Brewis, who lived with him and his Nephew Anthony Lawson IV of Logan Virginia (now W. Va.)

These two Nephews were appointed executors of his estate, without bond, except as to the payment of the annuity to his wife Isabella. The following is an item from the Alexandria Gazette of June 19, 1851.

"John Lawson died in this town on the 18th inst. in the 55 year of his age, John Lawson, a native of the County of Northumberland, England, who for the last 35 years was a citizen of Alexandria. Mr. Lawson bore through life a high character for integrity and benevolence, and his death will be mourned by the many who have

experienced his kind offices in the hour of need or distress. His funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from his late residence on Cameron Street."

The burial record of John Lawson and his first wife, Elizabeth at the Saint Paul Episcopal Church in Alexandria as follows:

Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson, age 52, died July 27, 1849.
John Lawson, age 55, died June 19 1851.

The following are the inscriptions on the tombstones of John and Elizabeth Lawson at the Saint Paul Episcopal Church cemetery.

In Memory of ELIZABETH Consort of JOHN LAWSON who departed this life July 25th, 1849 in the 51st year of her age.

In Memory of JOHN LAWSON, a native of the County of Northumberland, England, but for the last 35 years a citizen of this city, who departed this life June 18th, 1851 in the 56th year of his age.

THOMAS ANTHONY BREWIS

Thomas Anthony Brewis, a son of James and Mary (Lawson) Brewis of Northumberland County, England. His mother is a daughter of George Lawson, who is a brother of the above mentioned John Lawson. James Brewis, father of Thomas Anthony, died before 1870.

Thomas Anthony came to America and lived with his uncle, John Lawson in Alexandria, Virginia. He married Eugenia Alverda Waters, daughter of Thomas A. and Sarah L. (Nelson) Waters of that place. Thomas Anthony was killed at the falling of the floor of the Capitol Building in Richmond, Virginia in 1870. He died April 27, 1870, intestate and without issue. William Henry Marberry was appointed Administrator of his estate and later he was given power of Attorney for the English heirs.

Soon after the death of Thomas A. Brewis his wife Eugenia Alverda married Charles Ewing Easter of Baltimore, Maryland.

The children of James Brewis and Mary (Lawson) Brewis were Thomas, Anthony, Robert, William, Jane and Margaret.

Jane Brewis married a Davidson, had children, and she died before 1870.

The correct dates of the deaths of John and Elizabeth Lawson are those inscribed on their tombstones in the St. Paul cemetery at Alexandria, Virginia.

THOMAS A. WATERS

Thomas A. Waters married Sarah L. Nelson at Alexandria, Virginia, October 31, 1839. Their children were Georgina Augusta, born September 21, 1840 and Eugenia Alverda Waters, born August 13, 1842. Both were baptised July 29, 1843 at Saint Paul Episcopal Church in Alexandria.

Mrs. Sarah L. Waters was baptised Oct. 29, 1845, at the same church. She died afterwards and Thomas A. Waters, her husband, was married the second time to Cordelia Hunter about 1856. One child was born to this union; Grace Bayne was born June 24, 1858.

Thomas A. Waters died on or before March 3, 1871. The Appraisers for the estate of Thomas A. Waters are: G. H. Robinson, John F. Dyer, George Bryan, H. S. Wattles and R. M. LAWSON.

CORPORATION
COURT RECORD, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Book 2, Page 52. Sept. 21, 1871. Between Mary Brewis, widow of James; Robert Brewis and Mary his wife; William Brewis and Elizabeth his wife; James Davidson and Fanny his wife; and Thomas and Jane and Elzabeth Davidson; John Smith and Mary his wife, formerly Mary Davidson; Joseph Henry Taylor and Margaret his wife, formerly Margaret Davidson, — all of County of Northumberland, Great Britain, 1st. part; — and Eugenia Alverda Brewis of City of Alexandria, the 2nd. part.

Whereas: Thomas Anthony Brewis, late of Alexandria, departed this life Apr. 27, 1870, intestate and without issue, leaving his widow, and *James* his father being dead, and left real estate in Virginia, which is descended to mother Mary, and to Robert and William his brothers, and to the said James Davidson, Thomas Davidson, Margaret Davidson only children of Jane Davidson, formerly Jane Brewis, dec'd sister, — now the parties and sole surviving heirs,

they deed to Eugenia Alverda Brewis a lot on the north side of Cameron Street, 72 feet east of Washington St., which was conveyed to Thomas A. Brewis in 1868 by Horton.

Page 130. To the County Court of Alexandria County, Va.:

I, Isabella Lawson, widow of John Lawson, dec'd, do hereby renounce the provisions made for me in his last will and testament Dated April 23, 1852.

Witnesses: F. J. Posey and Exra Weis. Witnesses appeared in open Court.

The Lawson family record gives Robert Brewis as the husband of Mary (Lawson) Brewis. In the County Court Record Book 2, page 52, at Alexandria, Virginia, the following is recorded: "Mary Brewis, widow of James." In Book 3, the following is recorded: "Mary Brewis (mother) assigns her rights to her son, Robert Brewis of Walls End."

ANTHONY LAWSON IV

Anthony Lawson IV, known among his friends as Anthony, Jr., was the youngest son living of Anthony III. Young Anthony married Ann Brooke Robertson, the youngest daughter of Edwin and Ann Brooke (Mennis) Robertson. This happy couple resided near their parents' residence, which is now Logan, West Virginia. Anthony IV was an enterprising and successful business man. The deed records of Logan County, West Virginia, indicate that he was active in the purchase and sale of many tracts of valuable coal lands in Logan County.

He was active in promoting facilities for education and gave land for public school sites. He also assisted financially and otherwise in the construction of school buildings.

About 1857 he decided to move his family to Burke's Garden in Tazewell County, Virginia, and later moved his family to Wytheville, Wythe County, Virginia, where he remained until his death. Many of his descendents live in the state of Virginia and adjoining states; some of them remain in Wytheville.

The descendents of Anthony Lawson IV are distinguished by their popularity and high standing in the communities where they reside; many of them are Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution.

THE REVEREND GEORGE ROBERTSON OF BRISTOL PARISH, VIRGINIA

The Reverend George Robertson was born in Scotland about 1668.[1] Nothing is known of his birthplace or boyhood. It is said that he was educated at St. Andrew's College, Fifeshire, and graduated.[2] After preparing himself for the cloth, his ascent in the ministry was rapid. On December 20, 1691, he was ordained Deacon; on January 14, 1692, he was made Priest; and on February 20, 1692, he was licensed by the Bishop of London as a missionary to go to the Colony of Virginia. Sometime in that period (probably 1692), he was assigned as Chaplain to an English man-of-war.[3] A reasonable explanation is that upon his appointment as missionary he resigned his naval chaplaincy and sailed from England to pursue his calling in the New World. No evidence has been discovered that he ever became a Doctor of Divinity.[4]

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It has been said that the Reverend George Robertson contracted a first marriage in England to a lady named Mary, but whose surname is unknown, by whom he had a son George.[5] No record has been found to substantiate this marriage. So early a marriage is exceedingly doubtful because he became Chaplain of the man-of-war quite young and he seems to have come to Virginia directly from the English Navy. There is no reference to his being married when he came to Bristol Parish, a fact that would likely have been noted had it existed. No available record suggests that he was married twice.[6] The writers agree that he settled at Picketts in that part of Henrico County which later became Chesterfield County.[7]

The Reverend George Robertson married, after his arrival in Virginia, but there is much uncertainty as to the lady he married and confusion as to their four children. Largely by reason of the statement in the Richmond Times Dispatch Robertson pedigree, it was accepted by members of the family for a long time that the lady he married in Virginia was Mary Eppes, daughter of Peter Eppes, of Bermuda Hundred, and widow of Colonel Joseph Royall. Of late years, however, this acceptance has been seriously questioned.[8]

[1]32 Va. p. 54 n. 19. Clark, p. 235, says 1662.

[2]McPherson p. 749.2.

[3]8 Va. p. 63; Slaughter p. 9; Clark p. 236; Goodwyn Pt. II, p. 302; McPherson p. 749.2; Chamberlayne p. ....; 3 A. C. A. G. p. 348.

[4]The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph, p. 5.

[5]Pedigree of the Rev. George Robertson in the Richmond Times Dispatch, December 8, 1912. This pedigree contains many errors and has led many astray who have written about this Robertson line.

[6]The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph p. 19.

[7]The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph p. 12.

[8]The reasons for questioning this reputed marriage are: (1) This Peter Eppes did not have a daughter Mary living at a day so early as to have been the wife of the Rev. George Robertson; and (2) the author of the Richmond Times Dispatch pedigree probably confused that Mary Eppes with Mary Eppes, daughter of Col. Francis Eppes and his wife, Elizabeth Littlebury, of Bermuda Hundred, who was born about 1664 and m. about 1681 Col. Joseph Royall (1646-1732): The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph p. 20. The Mary Eppes who m. Col. Joseph Royall could scarcely been the wife of the Rev. George Robertson and mother of his children because she remained the wife

The lady the Reverend George Robertson married in Virginia could have been, and probably was, Mary Worsham. The basis for this suggestion is the will of John Worsham, dated in 1729, in which he names, among other children, his daughter, Mary Robertson,[9] and also the will of John Worsham, Jr., made in 1768, in which he names his sister, Mary Robertson.[10]

The children of the Reverend George Robertson were George, John, James and Elizabeth. By coincidence James Robertson, the son of the Reverend George Robertson, also had children named George, John, James and Elizabeth and also Mary and Martha. This similarity in names of the two sets of children probably led the author of the Richmond Times Dispatch Robertson pedigree into error for the George, John, James and Elizabeth assigned by him to the Reverend George Robertson as his children were, in fact, the grandchildren of the cleric and children of his son, James Robertson.[11]

James Robertson (d. 1757), son of the Reverend George Robertson, married (1) Martha Field Archer (daughter of John and Martha Field Archer) by whom he had two children, George and Martha; and he married (2) Mary (Eppes) Royall (daughter of Llewellyn and Angelica Eppes) by whom he had four children, James Mary, John and Elizabeth (posthumous).[12]

John Robertson, called "Sr."[13] (1755-1826) m. (1) 7/___/1776 (M. B. 6/30/1776)[14] Elizabeth Royall. Issue: 1) John Royall; 2) James; 3) Mary Eppes; 4) Ann. He m. (2) 4/8/1786[15] Betty (Elizabeth(Branch (Worsham) Robertson (widow of his cousin, William Robertson). Issue: 5) Edwin; 6) Elizabeth Branch; 7) Martha (Pattie).

of Col. Royall until his death in 1732 and she would then have been about 68 years of age: Idem pp. 20-21. There was another Mary Eppes, clearly identified by the records, who was the daughter of Llewellyn and Angelica Eppes, who was thrice married and thrice widowed, her husbands being: (1) Littlebury Royall (d. 1749) and grandson of Col. Joseph and Mary Eppes Royall; (2) James Robertson (d. 1757), son of the Rev. George Robertson, whom she m. in 1750; and (3) the Rev. Thomas Wilkinson, Rector of Bristol Parish, whom she m. about 1757: Idem p. 21; Clark pp. 158, 234. Those writers who say that this Mary Eppes was the wife of the Rev. George Robertson are clearly mistaken: The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph pp. 21-22.

[9]Hen. D. & W. B. 1725-37, p. 248; Clark p. 119.

[10]The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph p. 22, n. 153.

[11]The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph pp. 23, 27.

[12]The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph p. 29. This James Robertson was of Dale Parish, Chesterfield Co.: Ches. W. B. 1 pp. 272, 482-3; Watson p. 115; Clark pp. 158, 235. The Richmond Times Dispatch pedigree erroneously records that George Robertson, son of the Rev. George Robertson, married Martha Field Archer, daughter of John and Sarah (Randolph) Archer, and had James Archer and Martha. No record has been found that this George Robertson ever married. He could not have married the Martha Field Archer identified because her parents had no daughter so named. The author of the Robertson pedigree evidently confused George Robertson, son of the cleric, with Col. George Robertson (d. 1797) who was the son of James Robertson (d. 1757) and grandson of the cleric. This George Robertson m. Michal Archer (daughter of Peter Field Archer and Elizabeth Osborne) and had George, Martha Field, Ann, James and Archer: The Rev. George Robertson by W. Randolph p. 28.

[13]Rich. Times Dis. Robertson article and 33 Va. p. 107, n. 28 and p. 212, n. 19 both incorrectly state that this John Randolph was son of the Rev. George Robertson. He was the grandson of the cleric.

[14]16 W. & M. p. 281; 8 Va. p. 76; Crozier p. 70; 5 C. A. G. p. 213; 33 Va. p. 104 gives the marriage year as 1777.

[15]16 W. & M. p. 281.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN ROBERTSON, SR.

John Robertson, called "Senior", was born in 1755 and died at his residence in Amelia County, Virginia, March 7, 1826 in his 71st year. He first married Elizabeth Royall, the marriage bond dated June 30, 1776. To this union four children were born: (1) John Royall; (2) James; (3) Mary Eppes; (4) Ann.

After the death of his first wife, John Robertson married Elizabeth (Betty) Branch (Worsham) Robertson, widow of his cousin, William Robertson, April 8, 1786. Issue: (1) Edwin; (2) Elizabeth Branch; (3) Martha (Pattie) Robertson. Elizabeth Branch Robertson never married.

Edwin Roberston was born *circa* 1790, married Ann Brooke Mennis, a daughter of Captain Callohill and Martha Mennis, *circa* 1809. To this union four children were born: (1) Callohill; (2) Henry; (3) Mary Frances; (4) Ann Brooke. Ann Brooke (Mennis) Robertson died August 15, 1823 in Kanawha County Virginia. *(See page 5.)*

After the death of Ann Brooke (Mennis) Robertson, Edwin Robertson married Chloe S. Stone, a daughter of John and Jennie (Campbell) Stone at Logan Court House, Virginia *circa* 1825. Issue: (1) Elizabeth; (2) Augusta; (3) John Edwin; (4) Laidley; (5) Chloe Ann; (6) Sidney Baxter Robertson. Edwin was County Court Clerk of Logan County, Virginia until his death. His second wife, Chloe S. (Stone) Robertson died June 18, 1839 at Logan, Virginia (now West Virginia).

Children of Edwin and Ann Brooke (Mennis) Robertson:

(1) Callohill M. Robertson, born *circa* 1817, married Mary Eppes (Polly) Robertson, his cousin, of Amelia County, Virginia. Issue: a son, George Henry Robertson, born November 22, 1839 in Chesterfield County, Virginia, married Mary Agalice Ringgold, a daughter of Jacob Henry and Harmeline (Baillio) Ringgold of Alexandria, Louisiana. George Henry died February 1, 1895 at Alexandria, Louisiana.

After the death of Mary E. (Polly) Robertson, Callohill M. went to Arkansas and located there. He married Mary Francis Roberts of Nacogdoches, Texas. To this union seven children were born.

Children of Callohill M. and Mary Francis (Roberts) Robertson:

(a) Edwin Randolph Robertson, died in early childhood.

(b) Hugh Lynch Robertson, born April 2, 1852 and died in the Confederate Veterans Home in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1943. Issue: (I) Emma R., born 1885; (II) Addie May, born 1887; (III) Ann Bourke, born 1889; (IV) Corinne Daigre, born 1891.

(c) Betty Lawson Robertson, married Jason Shaeffer in Brooklyn, New York, both deceased.

(d) Annie Robertson, married a Mr. Bourke in California and lived in Oakland, California. They had two sons, Harry and Eddie.

(e) Mennis Robertson, married in Louisiana and soon left.

(f) Scott Robertson, no data.

(g) Robert Brooke Robertson, married in Brooklyn, New York, and had one daughter, Julia, who married W. J. Riley and lived in St. Petersburg, Florida.

(2) Henry Robertson was born *circa* 1818 in Logan County, (West) Virginia. He was the youngest son of Edwin and Ann Brooke (Mennis) Robertson. While quite young he went south and located in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana and engaged in the mercantile business. He was one of the most successful merchants in the state, being the principal business manager of the firm of which he was a member. He married Agalice Baillio, daughter of Augusta Baillio and Felonise Laysarrd of Alexandria, Louisiana. Henry Robertson died in the 45th year of his age; after his death his wife went to Donnaldsonville, Louisiana to live with her only daughter. Some of his descendants reside in and around Donnaldsonville. Issue:

(3) Mary Francis Robertson was born *circa* 1820, married Judge James Woodfin September 14, 1833. They were located at Dillwya, Buckingham County, Virginia. Issue: (a) Robert; (b) Edwin; (c) Louisa; (d) Nannie; (e) Fanny; (f) Agalice.

(4) Ann Brooke Robertson, born April 29, 1823 in Kanawha County, Virginia, married Anthony Lawson IV November 14, 1839 at Logan, Virginia (now West Virginia). Ann Brooke Robertson's mother died August 15, 1823 and Ann Brooke was taken to Amelia County, Virginia and was reared by her aunt, Elizabeth Branch Robertson, who never married. After Edwin Robertson married Chloe S. Stone, Ann Brooke returned to her father's home to prepare to go to college. She met Anthony Lawson IV, and they married and resided in Logan, Virginia until about 1857. They moved to Wytheville, Virginia, where she died on January 14, 1903 and is buried by the side of her husband in the East End cemetery at Wytheville, Virginia. Issue: (a) Richard Bilton, born October 22, 1840, died April 23, 1924; (b) Robert Mennis, born December 25, 1842, died January 7, 1931; (c) Elizabeth Brooke, born November 29, 1845, died August 29, 1906; (d) Rochsalina Frances, born September 15, 1847, died January 6, 1944. *(See pages 5 and 28.)*

Children of Edwin and Chloe S. (Stone) Robertson:

(1) Elizabeth Robertson was born January 1, 1827 at Logan Court House, (West) Virginia, married Harvey Ferguson at Logan (West) Virginia. She died *circa* 1901, being in the 74th year of her age. Issue: (a) Mary; (b) Buena Vista (Benna); (c) Alice Fenton, who married Dr. George W. Murray and had issue. Ella, their daughter, married Harrison Lawson, son of Dr. George W. Lawson and Chloe Ann (Robertson) Lawson. Alice Fenton (Ferguson) Murray was born 1845 and died 1890; (d) Anne; (e) Augusta; (f) H. Edwin; (g) James Harvey; (h) Walter R.

(2) Augusta Robertson was born December 25, 1828 at Logan Court House, (West) Virginia. She married Oscar Mather and lived in Barboursville, West Virginia and also in Huntington, West Virginia. Issue: (a) Valcolon W. Mather, married Ollio Keith of Kansas City, Missouri. He was a physician and practiced medicine in Huntington, West Virginia and Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Valcolon W. Mather and his wife are buried in Huntington, West Virginia. She died at the age of 83 years at her summer home on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Their son, Harry Feld, became a famous surgeon and practiced his profession for forty years in Kansas City, Missouri. He died November 23, 1936. His survivors were his widow, Lillian V. Mather; two sons, [I] Richard K. Mather and [II] Harry T. Mather; (b) Harry (Hal) Mather lived in Ottawa, Canada; (c)

Lelia, married Dr. Sumner Green and they had two sons who reside in Pasadena, California. Dr. Sumner Green and his wife both died at close to ninety years of age; (d) Roxie Lena; (e) Sidney, who lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota; (f) Sumner, who died in Huntington, West Virginia.

(3) John Edwin Robertson was born February 9, 1830 in Logan County Virginia and was only nine years of age when death deprived him of his mother. After his mother's death, he went to live with his sister who lived in Barboursville, Cabell County, and in his new home attended school for one year. His father then placed him in Marshall College and on leaving that institution he went to Alexandria, Louisiana, where for three years he was employed in his brother Henry's store. In 1849, being then 19 years of age, he sought the gold field of California. John Edwin remained in the land of his quest until 1861. At the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, he returned to his home in West Virginia. He enlisted in the Border Rangers of Jinkins Brigade and fought for the Confederacy throughout the four years of conflict. He took part in many engagements. At the end of the war he returned to Logan County, and settling in the town of Logan, he opened a general merchandise store which he conducted until a few years previous to his death. Prosperity attended this enterprise, bringing him large financial returns, while his honorable methods and fair-dealings secured for him an admirable reputation for integrity. He closed his useful and eventful career in the 69th year of his age, passing away September 24, 1898. His death deprived the community of an honorable business man, an upright citizen, a kind neighbor and faithful friend, and affectionate husband and father. John Edwin married on September 16, 1863 in Logan, Ann Avis, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Avis. Ann Avis was born January 17, 1847. Issue:

Children of John Edwin and Ann (Avis) Robertson:

(a) Sidney B. Robertson, born August 3, 1864, married and had issue. He was engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Logan, West Virginia. Harry U. Robertson, a son, resides in Logan, West Virginia.

(b) Chloe Ann Robertson, born July 25, 1866, died February 9, 1882. She never married.

(c) John Edwin Robertson, Jr., born April 17, 1868, died February 21, 1886. Never married.

(d) May Augusta Robertson, born May 27, 1870, married Okey Hayslip of Huntington, West Virginia and had two sons. She resides in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

(e) Ettie Robertson, born June 22, 1872, died August 23, 1938, married W. B. Miles of Clifton Forge, Virginia. Issue: a son Clarence Miles.

(f) Lillian Robertson, born September 22, 1875, married Charles H. Bronson and to this union four children were born. Lillian R. Bronson resides in Huntington, West Virginia.

(g) Annie Robertson, born December 8, 1877, died in 1903, married B. O. Holland. No issue.

(h) George L. Robertson, born November 30, 1879, died June 26, 1906.

(4) Laidley Robertson was born *circa* 1833 and was killed at Logan, West Virginia, during or soon after the termination of the Civil War. He was an Editor and was murdered by those who opposed his newspaper articles.

(5) Chloe Ann Robertson, born May 1, 1836 at Logan, Virginia and married George W. Lawson February 23, 1854. She died March 30, 1912 at Williamson, Mingo County, West Virginia and is buried by the side of her husband in the George W. Lawson cemetery near the Mouth of Sycamore, West Virginia. Issue: (a) John Edwin, born November 30, 1854, died December 11, 1890; (b) Robert Bilton, born December 17, 1856, died August 10, 1877; (c) Elizabeth (Betty), born September 7, 1858, died January 27, 1939; (d) William Edgar, born October 1, 1860, died January 11, 1861; (e) Laura Augusta, born November 11, 1861, died August 31, 1936; (f) Harrison (Harry), born August 31, 1863, died January 3, 1933; (g) Sidney Baxter, born March 18, 1867; (h) Emma G., born February 2, 1870, died June 27, 1920; (i) Lafayette, born June 18, 1872, died July 27, 1894. (See pages 5, 11 and 12.)

(6) Sidney Baxter Robertson was born July 10, 1837 in Logan County (West) Virginia. He was the youngest child of Edwin and Chloe S. (Stone) Robertson. His mother died when he was three years of age. Before 1861, he went south and located in New Orleans, Louisiana. When the Civil War was declared, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served as Second Lieutenant throughout the conflict. After he was discharged from the Confederate Army, he married Helen Ione Duke, April 11, 1865 at Harrisonburg, Louisiana. Helen I. (Duke) Robertson was a daughter of B. C. and Elizabeth Duke of Harrisonburg, Louisiana. She was born December 21, 1844 at Harrisonburg and died September 1, 1908 at Mena, Arkansas. Sidney B. Robertson and his wife were baptised in the Methodist Church South by Reverend John I. Winn at Oak Grove Church December 21, 1873. Some of their children were born at Myrtle Grove Plantation, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. In years following they located at Neosho, Missouri, then Bentonville, Ark. From Bentonville they moved to Cloud Chief, Okla. where Sidney B. continued his profession as a civil engineer. He, with his family, returned to Arkansas. In May 1896, he located at the present site of Mena, Arkansas, where he supervised and directed the surveying and laying out of the townsite of Mena. He established a residence for his family in Mena, where he remained until his death. He was County Surveyor of Polk County, Arkansas. He died in Mena, September 6, 1932 in the 94th year of his age.

Children of Sidney B. and Helen I. (Duke) Robertson:

(a) Sidney D. Robertson, born March 12, 1866, died March 30, 1866.

(b) Helen Augusta Robertson, born June 3, 1867, died April 30, 1869.

(c) Edwin Oscar Robertson, born October 24, 1868, died April 25, 1869.

(d) Mayo Stone Robertson, born April 26, 1870 at 126 S. Mary's Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. He resides in Ashdown, Arkansas.

(e) Alexander Sidney Robertson, born October 26, 1872 at Myrtle Grove Plantation, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, died November 21, 1894, at Cloud Chief, Oklahoma.

(f) Valcolon Warsaw Robertson, born August 26, 1874 at Myrtle Grove Plantation, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. He was killed by a

train while working for a railroad company. He was married to Francis Nichols of Kansas City, Missouri, December 26, 1900 at Shreveport, Louisiana. He afterwards married Mattie _____. They lived at or near Whitefish, Montana, where Valcolon Robertson, Jr. resides.

(g) Laidley Robertson, born August 19, 1876 at Myrtle Grove Plantation, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, died December 21, 1877.

(h) Lelia Elizabeth Robertson, born June 10, 1878 at Myrtle Grove Plantation, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. She married John D. Crider May 18, 1891 and she lives at Hume, Missouri.

(i) Albert G. Robertson, born November 21, 1880 at Marksville, Louisiana, married Maye Davis of Mena, October 30, 1894. Two children were born to this union: a daughter, who married Ernest Clift and resides in Mena, Arkansas; and a son, Albert Robertson, who resides at 825 N. W. 42nd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(j) Infant son was born September 25, 1882 at Neosho, Missouri, lived only two days.

(k) Infant daughter was born in 1883 at Bentonville, Arkansas and died at birth.

DAUGHTERS OF AUGUSTA BAILLIO AND FELONISE LAYSARRD OF RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA

(1) Mary Ann Baillio was born October 14, 1814 at Alexandria, Louisiana. She married W. P. Hickman March 19, 1833 at Alexandria, Louisiana and died January 27, 1901 at Fairmont, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

(2) Agalice Baillio, married Henry Robertson, an enterprising and successful merchant, at Alexandria, Louisiana. After his death, she went to Donnaldsonville, Louisiana to make her home with her only daughter, Yannie Robertson, who married Simoneaux. Agalice died at the age of 76 years.

(3) Harmeline Baillio was born October 2, 1826, married Jacob Henry Ringgold of Maryland, February 8, 1842. She died November 16, 1879. Jacob Henry was a Confederate soldier and Planter. He died July 26, 1866. Both are buried in Rapides Cemetery, Pineville, Louisiana.

JOHN STONE

John Stone married Miss Jennie Campbell in Pittsylvania County, Virginia *circa* 1806. He settled in the wilds of the Guyan river at a place now known as the Old Stone Farm in 1809, not far from the present site of Logan, West Virginia.

Crispin L., the eldest son of John Stone, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia *circa* 1808. He married Mildred (Milly) Workman and they had at least four children. Crispin L. died in 1892 in the 85th year of his age. He was was one of the best and most useful citizens in Logan County. During a long and honorable life he served the people well and faithfully in several official positions, among which were Justice of the Peace, Surveyor, Clerk of Circuit Court and County Superintendent of Free Schools.

Samuel J. Stone, another son of John and Jennie (Campbell) stone, was born in 1812 and married Polly Hatfield. They had at least seven children.

John Stone's daughter, Chloe, married Edwin Robertson, who up to the time of his death was Clerk of the County Court of Logan County. The children of Edwin Robertson were John Edwin, who lived about one and one half miles from Logan Court House and owned large tracts of land adjoining Logan, and Chloe Ann, who married Dr. George W. Lawson.

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REV. GEORGE ROBERTSON

The descendents of Rev. George Robertson reside in Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas and other states. Many of them are enterprising business and professional men and women. Some of this English-Scotch family married into the Anthony Lawson IV family. Mr. Wassell Randolph, who has done much research work on the Roberston genealogy, has prepared a splendid contribution of the Rev. George Robertson lineage. His narration has been done with care from the vast knowledge which he acquired in his extensive research in Robertson genealogy. Mr. Randolph is author of *The Rev. George Robertson and Bristol Parish,* a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the Robertson genealogy. His contribution to this booklet is appreciated.

MISCELLANY

Revolutionary War Record of Callohill Mennis of Virginia

February 22, 1776, Ensign, First Virginia Regiment.
February 23, 1776, First Lieutenant, First Virginia Regiment.
November 18, 1777, Captain, First Virginia Regiment.
Taken prisoner at Charleston, South Carolina, May 12, 1780.
Transferred to Seventh Virginia Regiment, February 12, 1781 and served there to the close of the War.
Recorded in Hertman's *Register*, Page 295.

Callohill Mennis died in Breckenridge County, Kentucky in 1812. Martha Mennis, his widow, was the administratrix. Francis C. Mennis, Edwin Robertson and his wife, Ann Brooke, Callohill Mennis Jr., Martha Mennis, Robert Mennis and Andrew Mennis were the heirs of Callohill Mennis, deceased.

Colonel Charles A. Dempsey married Lena Mennis Lawson, December 30, 1903 at Brookland, Virginia. They lived in Washington and in October 1904, Colonel Dempsey received a detail with the National Guard of Virginia and remained in Richmond until his death. No issue. Colonel Dempsey by his first marriage had one son, William Worth Dempsey, like his father, a graduate at West Point.

Robert Lawson Peirce married Julia Settle of Galveston, Texas, and they have two children, (a) Julia Settle Peirce, born June 25, 1908, (b) Elizabeth Lawson Peirce, born May 17, 1911.

Edwin Robertson's name may have been Edwin Joseph Robertson, however his signature to documents and papers was written uniformly *Edwin Robertson.*

The Richmond Enquirer, March 7, 1826

Died at his residence in Amelia County in his 71st year after an indisposition of nine days—John Robertson, Sr.

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ERRATA AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Page 14, (5) second line should be Walter H. Speed.

Page 12, (5) and Page 14, Caption and first line in first paragraph, should be Laura Augusta Lawson.

Supplemental to page 17:

Sidney B. Lawson married Lucile Lunderman of Trenton, Kentucky, June 6, 1893. She is a daughter of Chastine and Louise (Catlett) Lunderman. Lucile was born January 16, 1869, died September 21, 1945.

Children of Sidney B. and Lucile (Lunderman) Lawson:

(1) Lawrence W. Lawson, born March 20, 1894 at Trenton, Kentucky, married Isabelle Pannier July 8, 1922. Issue: (a) Lawrence Wells Lawson, Jr., born June 5, 1923, died July 17, 1945. He was killed in the Philippine Islands while in service in World War II; (b) William Baxter Lawson, born November 30, 1925, unmarried; (c) Isabel Ann Lawson, born in 1927 and died in 1943.

(2) Julia Neville Lawson, born June 25, 1896, at Logan, West Virginia, married J. R. Adams of Logan, West Virginia, February 22, 1922. Issue: (a) Julia Neville Adams, born August 27, 1924, married Charles Geyelschap November 27, 1948. Issue: (I) Charles Geyelschap, born December 27, 1949; (II) Julia Adams Geyelschap, born August 1, 1951; (b) John Ross Adams, Jr., born April 17, 1930, unmarried.

(3) Lucile Lunderman Lawson, born June 20, 1909 at Logan, West Virginia, married C. C. Darrah, a son of Arthur J. Darrah, December 11, 1936. Issue: (a) Chloe Lawson Darrah, born January 22, 1940.

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CORRECTIONS

(Attach to Page 48)

Page 15, first paragraph, fifth line: Ella Murray was born December 17, 1867, not 1877.

Page 28, # 4 or last paragraph, first word: Rochsalina Frances Lawson usually wrote her name Lena Frances Lawson.

Page 30, # 4: should be Garnett Brooke Lawson.

Page 30, # 5: Mennis Lawson, born August 27, 1895, not October 27, 1895.

Page 36, footnote # 13, second line, sixth word: should be John Robertson, not John Randolph.

Page 42 # 6, first paragraph, last line: should read "the 95th year of his age."

Page 43, # (i), second line: should read October 30, 1904, not October 30, 1894.

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